

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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IN RE: VITAMINS ANTITRUST  
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This document relates to:  
Cargill, Inc. et al. v. F. Hoffman-LaRoche  
Ltd, et al. Civil Action No. 99-5167

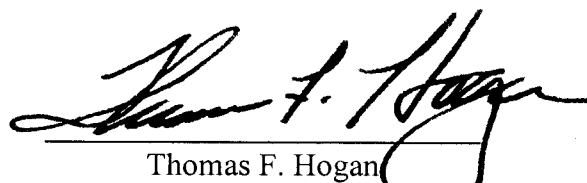
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**ORDER**

Pending before the Court is Defendants' request for clarification in light of Cargill Plaintiffs' Motion for leave to file a second amended complaint. It is hereby

**ORDERED** that, with regard to the Cargill action<sup>1</sup>, the March 16, 2000 hearing will cover the issue of personal jurisdiction of the foreign defendants. Arguments will be heard on all issues relating to personal jurisdiction of these defendants; this may include the issue of national versus local contacts under the Clayton Act, the Illinois long-arm statute, Rule 4(k)(2), and any other potential bases for establishing jurisdiction over the foreign defendants in this action.

March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2000

  
Thomas F. Hogan  
United States District Judge

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<sup>1</sup> The Court will also hear argument on two issues raised by Degussa-Huls Corporation's Motion to Dismiss in the niacin class action: (1) the standing of brokers to sue in this action, and (2) the adequacy of the pleadings with regard to "substitute products."